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SUBJECT: HANS THALBERG - NEW PRESS CHIEF IN CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

1. FILLING VACANCY CREATED BY TRANSFER OF INGO MUSSI AS DCM TO LONDON (VIENNA 7762) CHANCELLOR KREISKY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR HANS THALBERG AS NEW COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES IN CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE. IN ADDITION TO SERVING AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE CHANCELLERY, THALBERG WILL HAVE COORDINATING FUNCTION IN OVERALL CONTACTS WITH THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC. ADDITIONALLY, THALBERG HAS BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPLORING WAYS IN WHICH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN BETTER FULFILL ITS FUNCTIONS "AS AN ENTITY UNDER CIVIL LAW (PRIVATRECHT)". THIS CRYPTIC STATEMENT MAY WELL REFER TO GOA RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION WHICH IS CURRENTLY CENTER OF CONTROVERSY.

2. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON THALBERG CONTAINED IN VIENNA 5597 (SEPTEMBER 22, 1971) AND MEXICO'S 5367 (SAME DATE) WHEN HE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM MEXICO AS FIRST AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO PRC. DETAILED BACKGROUND CONTAINED IN BIOGRAPHIC DATA FORM, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1966. HUMES

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